

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An anti-plaque emulsion comprising:
a liquid mixture comprising three distinct compounds comprising an emulsifier;
triclosan; and
a surfactant.

Claim 2 (original): The anti-plaque emulsion of Claim 1 wherein the surfactant is cetylpyridinium chloride.

Claim 3 (original): The anti-plaque emulsion of Claim 1 wherein triclosan comprises approximately 3% to about 30% weight percent of the emulsion.

Claim 4 (original): The anti-plaque emulsion of Claim 1 wherein the surfactant comprises approximately 0.1% to about 10% weight percent of the emulsion.

Claim 5 (original): The anti-plaque emulsion of Claim 1 wherein the emulsion includes water and a solvent for the triclosan.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An anti-plaque chewing gum comprising:
a water insoluble portion; and
a water soluble portion including an emulsion comprising three distinct compounds comprising an emulsifier, triclosan, and surfactant.

Claim 7 (original): The anti-plaque chewing gum of Claim 6 including a solvent for the triclosan.

Claim 8 (original): The anti-plaque chewing gum of Claim 7 wherein the solvent is a flavor.

Claim 9 (original): The anti-plaque chewing gum of Claim 6 wherein the surfactant is cetylpyridinium chloride.

Claim 10 (original): The anti-plaque chewing gum of Claim 6 wherein triclosan comprises approximately 3% to about 30% weight percent of the emulsion.

Claim 11 (original): The anti-plaque chewing gum of Claim 6 wherein the surfactant comprises approximately 0.1% to about 10% weight percent of the emulsion.

Claim 12 (original): The anti-plaque chewing gum of Claim 6 wherein each piece of gum includes approximately 1 mg to about 6 mg of triclosan.

Claim 13 (original): The anti-plaque chewing gum of Claim 6 wherein the gum is in pellet form.

Claim 14 (original): The anti-plaque chewing gum of Claim 13 wherein the emulsifier, triclosan and surfactant define, in part, a coating of the pellet.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for reducing plaque comprising the step of orally applying to the mouth an emulsion comprising a soluble mixture of at least three distinct compounds comprising an emulsifier, triclosan and surfactant.

Claim 16 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein the emulsion is in the form of chewing gum.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of Claim 16 wherein the chewing gum is chewed for at least five minutes.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of Claim 16 wherein the chewing gum is chewed at least three times per day.

Claim 19 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein the surfactant is cetylpyridinium chloride.

Claim 20 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein triclosan comprises approximately 3% to about 30% weight percent of the emulsion.

Claim 21 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein the surfactant comprises approximately 0.1% to about 10% weight percent of the emulsion.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of Claim 15 wherein the emulsion is in the form of one or more pieces of gum, and wherein each piece of gum includes approximately 1 mg to about 6 mg of triclosan.

Claim 23 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein the emulsion is in a mouthwash.

Claim 24 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein the emulsion is in a toothpaste or gel.